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FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:

No. 4:20-CV-228-P
FIELDWOOD ENERGY, LLC,
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ORAL DEPOSITION OF
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                    (On the record at 12:46 p.m.)
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                    COURT REPORTER: Today's date is June the
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     2nd, 2021, the time is 9:00 a.m., we are on the record.
     This is the oral deposition of Jon Graham. I don't know
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     how we are going to do this -- in the -- in the United
     States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of
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     Texas, Houston Division, regarding Fieldwood Energy, LLC
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     et al.
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                    I'm not going to ask -- I guess -- I don't
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     know who everybody is that's here, so if you will just
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     put your name in the chat and who you're representing, I
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     can get -- get it out of there. Otherwise, we can get
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     started, and I will go ahead and swear the witness in.
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                    Mr. Graham, will you please raise your
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     right hand?
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                    (The witness complies.)
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                    COURT REPORTER: Do you solemnly swear or
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     affirm that the testimony you give today will be the
     truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help
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     you God?
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                    THE WITNESS:
                                 Yes.
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                    COURT REPORTER: Thank you. And we're
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     ready.
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                    MR. EISENBERG: You're ready, Nancy?
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Page 9 1 COURT REPORTER: We're ready. 2 MR. EISENBERG: Okay. 3 JON GRAHAM, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows: 5 EXAMINATION 6 BY MR. EISENBERG: Mr. Graham, my name is Philip Eisenberg, I am 8 with the law firm of Locke Lord LLP, and we represent 9 HCCI International in this matter which is a surety 10 company. 11 And you understand you are here to give 12 your deposition testimony in connection with the 13 Fieldwood bankruptcy? 14 Yes, that's my understanding. 15 Q. All right. Would you state your full name for the record, please? 16 17 Jon Anthony Graham. Α. And how are you feeling this morning, Mr. 18 Q. 19 Graham? 20 Everything is good. Α. 21 Q. Good. And what -- what -- where are you 22 physically located? 23 I am on the west loop in Houston, Texas in Fieldwood's office. 24 25 Q. Okay. And --



Page 10 I'm in a deposition, what's MR. ZUBER: 1 2 happened? 3 MR. EISENBERG: What's that, Scott? 4 Scott, you -- you are live, you need to mute your phone. 5 Thank you. (BY MR. EISENBERG) All right. Mr. Graham, you still with me? 8 Α. I am. 9 Ο. Okay. There you go, okay. 10 So -- so you are at Fieldwood's offices, is there anyone else in the room with you? 11 12 No, there are not. Α. 13 Q. Is there anything in front of you in the 14 office? 15 Α. Just my computer screen. 16 Okay. And the computer screen, it's only with Ο. 17 the folks you are taking a deposition, you get to look at 18 me for a little while? 19 That's correct. 20 All right. Can you also share your home 21 address for the record? 22 79 Angelique Way, The Woodlands, Texas. Α. 23 Q. And is there a ZIP code that goes with that? 77382. 24 Α. 25 Okay. And are you currently employed, Mr. Q.



Page 11 Graham? 1 2 Α. I am. 3 And whom -- whom are you currently employed by? Α. Fieldwood Energy. 5 And -- and what is the nature of that Ο. 6 employment, are you a direct employee or a consultant? Α. I'm a consultant. 8 Q. And is there a written consulting agreement? 9 Α. There is a letter agreement. 10 And do you know -- well, can you describe to us Q. 11 the compensation provisions in the consulting agreement? 12 I will need to consult with my attorney, Α. 13 because I think I am bound by a confidentiality 14 agreement, before I answer that question. 15 And I -- I've signed a confidentiality Q. 16 agreement in this case, and I am bound by confidentiality 17 as well, so ... 18 MR. EISENBERG: Alfredo, are you his 19 lawyer here today? 20 MR. PEREZ: I am his lawyer here today, 21 and to the extent that everyone on the phone is -- is 22 subject to the protective order, I don't have a problem 23 with that being disclosed. 24 MR. EISENBERG: Thank you, Alfredo --25 Mr. Perez.



Page 12 MR. PEREZ: Is anybody -- is anyone on 1 2 this call not subject to the protective order? 3 (BY MR. EISENBERG) Hear -- hearing no --Ο. 4 hearing nothing, Mr. Graham, I believe we can proceed. 5 Do you need the question again? Yes, please. Α. Okay. Can you describe the compensation 0. provisions in your letter agreement with Fieldwood? 8 9 My compensation is \$27,000.00 a month payable Α. on a monthly basis for my -- for my work here at 10 11 Fieldwood Energy as a consultant. And is there a minimum amount of hours that you 12 0. 13 are supposed to put in during a given month? 14 It's not specified. Α. 15 What -- what is the scope of your consultancy? Q. 16 My -- my -- my focus is to become 17 familiar with the Fieldwood I Legacy Apache Properties. 18 Also to become familiar with the Fieldwood organization 19 that will be the contract operator during the transition 20 service period. 21 Q. And when did you start your consultancy, sir? 22 In January of this year, 2021. 23 And you have been steadily working under this

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consultancy agreement since January of 2021?

That's correct.

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Α.

- 1 Q. And do you anticipate transitioning from
- 2 consultant with Fieldwood Energy at some point?
- 3 A. Yeah. Once Fieldwood I emerges from the
- 4 bankruptcy and is established. I will be the sole
- 5 manager for Fieldwood I.
- Q. And when you say Fieldwood I, what do you mean,
- 7 sir?
- 8 A. It's the -- the limited liability corporation
- 9 that will be responsible for the Apache Legacy
- 10 Properties.
- 11 Q. And prior to January of 2021, by whom were you
- 12 employed?
- 13 A. I -- I was retired. My -- my last employment,
- 14 I -- I retired from Apache Corporation on April 15th,
- 15 2020.
- Q. All right. Well, let's try to do this in an
- 17 organized fashion to make it easier for the record and
- 18 everybody else.
- 19 Where did you go to college?
- 20 A. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical
- 21 Engineering from University of Missouri at Rolla, and I
- 22 also have a Master's of Business Administration from the
- 23 University of Oklahoma.
- Q. Okay. Appreciate that.
- 25 And then did you go straight to the



- 1 master's program or was -- did you go get employed after
- 2 college?
- 3 A. I was employed after my Bachelor's of Science
- 4 in -- in May of 1977, and I received the -- the Master's
- 5 of Business Administration while I was working.
- Q. Okay. So by whom -- it's just -- obviously,
- 7 you've got a lot of experience in the oil patch, and we
- 8 -- we -- we totally appreciate that. I am just trying to
- 9 get this down for the record.
- 10 And by whom were you first employed in
- 11 1977?
- 12 A. Amoco Production Company.
- 13 Q. And in what capacity?
- 14 A. I'm sorry? I didn't hear that.
- 15 Q. In what capacity? I'm sorry, I looked away
- 16 from the microphone.
- 17 A. I -- I was a production engineer starting out.
- 18 Q. Okay. And was that onshore or offshore?
- 19 A. It was onshore in Tyler, Texas.
- Q. The train doesn't go there no more.
- 21 All right. After Amoco -- how long did
- 22 you work at Amoco?
- A. I worked two years.
- Q. All right. And then what was your next
- 25 posting?



- 1 A. My -- my next posting was in Oklahoma City, and
- 2 I worked for a company called Terra Resources.
- O. Terra with a "T"?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. All right. And how -- and what job were you in
- 6 at Terra?
- 7 A. I was an operations engineer.
- 8 Q. And how long did you serve in that position?
- 9 A. It was approximately two years.
- 10 Q. And did you get promoted or did you join
- 11 another company?
- 12 A. I -- I -- I left Terra Resources and joined
- 13 Grace Petroleum Company as a -- as a district operations
- 14 engineer in Oklahoma City.
- 15 Q. Okay. And how long were you at Grace?
- 16 A. I don't recall exactly. It was in -- in a
- 17 one-to-two-year period of time.
- 18 Q. All right. And then from Grace where did you
- 19 go?
- 20 A. I went to work for a company called Lawson
- 21 Consulting, it was a consul -- an engineering consulting
- 22 firm based in Oklahoma City.
- Q. All right. How long were you with Lawson?
- A. It was about two years.
- Q. Starting to see a pattern.



Page 16 So after Lawson what did you do? 1 2 Α. I -- I was employed by Santa Fe Minerals in 3 Tulsa, Oklahoma. 4 Q. Okay. And how long did you serve at Santa Fe 5 Minerals? It was about two years. Α. And where did you go from there? Q. 8 Α. That was in Dallas, and then I went back to 9 Tulsa, Oklahoma with Terra Resources. 10 Okay. And what was your position when you Q. returned to Terra in around 1987 or so? 11 12 It was an operations engineer. Α. 13 Q. Okay. And how long did you stay with Terra? 14 It was about two years. Α. 15 All right. And from Terra? Q. 16 I went to work for a company that ended. Α. 17 was Apache Corporation -- not Apache Corporation, it was 18 -- I -- I can't recall the name of the company right now. 19 That's okay. Was it a precursor to Apache or 20 not? 21 Α. No, it wasn't. 22 Q. Okay. So -- so there is an unnamed entity. 23 As a production engineer, or in what 24 capacity, do you remember that? 25 I know it was -- I was -- yeah, I was a Α.



- 1 production operations reserve engineer.
- Q. Okay. And then is the -- the company, I
- 3 guess this was the one before Apache, how long did you
- 4 last there, or did you choose to stay there?
- 5 A. No. It was a -- it was a couple years.
- 6 Q. Couple years, yeah.
- 7 A. And -- and I can refer to my resume and give
- 8 you exact times, and dates and responsibilities.
- 9 Q. I -- I appreciate that and --
- 10 A. If requested.
- 11 Q. If they'd have given me one in advance I'd
- 12 skipped all of this.
- So -- so from this next company where did
- 14 you go next?
- Do you recall when you joined Apache?
- 16 A. Yeah. I believe in -- in 1994 I went to
- 17 work for Apache Corporation.
- 18 Q. Okay. And what was your first job there?
- 19 A. It was reservoir engineering manager for the
- 20 Rocky Mountain Region.
- Q. All right. And how long did you serve in that
- 22 position?
- 23 A. It was approximately one year.
- 24 Q. And then --
- 25 A. Actually, it was about -- it was about six



Case 20-33948 Document 1595-23 Filed in TXSB on 06/16/21 Page 19 of 118 Page 18 months, because I was -- I was then transferred to 1 2 Houston in the Permian Basin Region --3 Q. Okay. -- as -- as reservoir engineering manager. 5 Okay. So you are the manager in the Permian, Q. and how long did you stay in that position? 6 It was about two years. Α. 8 Q. Two years, okay. 9 So and -- and would it be fair to say that until you retired in 2020, you worked from basically 1994 10 to 2020 for Apache Corporation? 11 12 That's correct. I served Apache in five Α. 13 countries, eight regions in the corporate office. 14 Twenty-six years? Q. 15 Α. Twenty-five years. 16 Q. Twenty-five, okay. All right. 17 So you're in the Permian for a few years, 18 where do you go from there? 19 I was named Region Vice President for the Gulf

- 20 Coast Region.
- 21 Q. Okay. And how long were you the Regional Vice
- 22 President for the Gulf Coast Region?
- 23 Α. It was approximately a year.
- 24 Q. One year.
- 25 And what was your next promotion?



- 1 A. I was -- it -- the Gulf Coast Onshore and
- 2 Offshore Region were consolidated, and I became the
- 3 Reservoir Engineering Manager for the Gulf of Mexico
- 4 Region.
- 5 Q. All right. And how long did you serve in that
- 6 position?
- 7 A. That was approximately three years, until 2002.
- 8 Q. Two thousand two, okay.
- 9 And your next job after reservoir manager
- 10 for the Gulf of Mexico Region?
- 11 A. I was transferred to Cairo, Egypt to be the
- 12 Engineering General Manager for Apache Egypt Companies.
- 2. So you were there in -- for the company in the
- 14 beginning?
- 15 A. Well, it wasn't quite the beginning but it was
- 16 close.
- 17 Q. And how long did you serve in Cairo?
- 18 A. For four years.
- 19 Q. All right. And then after Cairo your next
- 20 posting?
- 21 A. I was -- I was transferred to Calgary, Canada
- 22 as Vice President Reservoir Engineering.
- O. And was that for Canada?
- 24 A. Yes, for the Canadian Region.
- Q. Okay. Canadian Region, okay.



Case 20-33948 Document 1595-23 Filed in TXSB on 06/16/21 Page 21 of 118 Page 20 And then how long did you serve in Canada? 1 2 It was until 2009, I believe -- I believe. Α. 3 Okay. Almost through. I think we have three Q. 4 more countries to go. 5 Α. Yes, not a problem. Then after 2009? Okay. I was transferred to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and I was a Region Vice President and Country Manager for 8 9 the Argentina Region. 10 Q. Okay. And how long? 11 It was two -- two years. 12 Two more years, so we are basically about 2011 Q. 13 now, 2012? 14 Α. That's -- that's correct. 15 Q. All right. Two thousand eleven. 16 Α. 17 And then from Buenos Aires? Q. I was transferred back to the -- the Houston 18 19 corporate office as Vice President of Health, Safety, Security & Environment. 20 Okay. Commonly known as HS&E? 21 Q.

- 22 Well, it was actually HSSE, because we put
- 23 security in there, also.
- 24 Q. I got you. All righty.
- 25 And -- and how long did you serve in that



- 1 capacity for Apache Corporation?
- 2 A. Until 2017.
- 3 Q. And -- and would you consider that an executive
- 4 level position at Apache Corporation?
- 5 A. Yes. I was an officer of the company, an
- 6 officer of Apache, as well as in Argentina.
- 7 Q. Okay. And then from 2017?
- 8 A. I -- I served Apache in Aberdeen, Scotland as
- 9 Region Vice President Managing Director for Apache North
- 10 Sea.
- 11 O. Got you.
- 12 And then that's the position that you
- 13 retired from?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. And was that an officer position as well for
- 16 the corporation?
- 17 A. It was.
- 18 Q. Did you have any role in connection with the
- 19 sale of the Gulf of Mexico properties to Fieldwood by
- 20 Apache?
- 21 A. No, I did not.
- 22 Q. Do you -- do you recall when that happened?
- 23 A. It was in 2013, I believe.
- Q. Okay. And -- and you were the HSS&E (sic)
- 25 officer at that point, correct?



- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. But that role did not involve you at all in the
- 3 transaction?
- 4 A. Not in the transaction. Prior to that,
- 5 obviously, I was responsible for HSSE for the entire
- 6 company, which included the Gulf of Mexico Region.
- 7 Q. And were you aware in advance of your
- 8 retirement from Apache Corporation that Fieldwood was
- 9 planning on going into Chapter 11 bankruptcy?
- 10 A. No. I was not aware of that.
- 11 Q. When did you first hear about Fieldwood and its
- 12 bankruptcy?
- 13 A. I was contacted in August of 2020 by Anthony
- 14 Lannie, General Counsel for Apache Corporation, to gauge
- 15 my interest in -- in managing the Legacy Apache
- 16 Properties via Fieldwood I.
- Q. And do you still own Apache stock, sir?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. Can you give me a kind of range, order of
- 20 magnitude in number of shares you've got?
- 21 A. Once again I need to consult with my attorney
- 22 whether that private information should be disclose --
- 23 should be disclosed.
- 24 MR. PEREZ: Phil, why don't you ask him if
- 25 it's a material part of his -- of his portfolio, or



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     something like that, to that -- to that effect?
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                    MR. EISENBERG: Well, that's why I was --
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                    MR. PEREZ: I don't -- I don't necessarily
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     want to put how much, you know, how much he owns on the
 5
     record.
                                    That's why I --
                    MR. EISENBERG:
                    MR. PEREZ: I don't have a problem with
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     you asking him about questions about that.
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                    MR. EISENBERG: Well, clearly his -- his
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    holdings with Apache ...
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              (BY MR. EISENBERG) Are they significant, your
    holdings, Mr. Graham?
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13
               The Apache stock I accumulated over my 25 years
14
    with Apache represents in the neighborhood of 15 percent
15
    of my -- my portfolio.
               Do you own any Apache options still that are
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     still in effect?
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               I -- I believe I do own some options, but they
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     are at about $125.00 a share, way out of the money.
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          Ο.
               Well, oil is up at 68 today, Mr. Graham, so,
21
     you know, you never know.
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          Α.
               Well, it has to go another hundred dollars --
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          0.
              I know.
24
          Α.
              -- per share.
25
          Q. I understand.
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- So did -- what did Mr. Lannie tell you
- when he contacted you in August of 2020?
- 3 A. He was gauging my interest if I would come out
- 4 of retirement to -- to be considered for this position.
- 5 He -- he said if I -- if I was, then he would submit my
- 6 name through the process of selecting the sole manager.
- 7 Q. And when you retired in 2020, who -- who did
- 8 you report to at that point in time at Apache?
- 9 A. Reported to Grady Ables, he was a Senior Vice
- 10 President of Responsibility for North Sea, and I believe
- 11 Egypt.
- 12 Q. Okay. And when you were the HSS&E (sic)
- officer for the company for the five years that you've
- 14 described, whom did you report to?
- 15 A. I reported to Steve Farris, CEO, as well as
- 16 John Christmann, CEO.
- 17 Q. Would it be fair to refer to you as an Apache
- 18 company man?
- 19 A. I worked for Apache for 25 years.
- MR. PEREZ: And I am going to object to
- 21 the form of the question, vague.
- MR. EISENBERG: Well, and you are allowed
- 23 to object, Alfredo. He can still answer.
- MR. PEREZ: He did answer.
- MR. EISENBERG: I'm -- I'm with you. You



- 1 objected after.
- 2 MR. PEREZ: But I -- but I just didn't get
- 3 my objection in on time, but it is to definitely a vague
- 4 question.
- 5 MR. EISENBERG: There you go, all right,
- 6 fair enough.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Do you believe, sir, that
- 8 you are still loyal to Apache?
- 9 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 10 question, vague.
- 11 Go ahead, Jon, you can answer.
- 12 A. My loyalty lies to who compensates me for my
- 13 professional expertise, which is Fieldwood Energy right
- 14 now.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Are you familiar with the
- 16 term sheet between Fieldwood Energy and Apache with
- 17 regard to the formation of Fieldwood I?
- 18 A. Yes, I'm familiar. That was a document that
- 19 Anthony Lannie provided for me as well as the position
- 20 description of Sole Manager for Fieldwood Energy 1.
- 21 Q. And after August of 2020, when were you next
- 22 contacted?
- Or did you contact them and say I'm
- 24 interested?
- 25 A. Well, I -- I -- I told Anthony that after --



- 1 after deliberating on it that I -- I would submit my name
- 2 for consideration. I believe I made a contact with --
- 3 with Anthony in October, just wanting to know what the
- 4 status was, and they said they were still working --
- 5 working through it. And then I was contacted, I believe
- 6 in late December of 2020, that Fieldwood Energy was
- 7 interested in talking to me, interviewing me for the sole
- 8 manager's position.
- 9 Q. And -- and when did you become aware that you
- 10 were going to be nominated to be the sole manager?
- 11 A. Not until after I had the discussion with
- 12 Fieldwood Energy, and right before they -- they -- they
- 13 made an offer to me as a -- as a consultant until
- 14 Fieldwood I emerged from bankruptcy, then I would be the
- 15 sole manager for Fieldwood I.
- 16 Q. And the management at existing Fieldwood right
- 17 now, the Debtor Company, they are going to become what's
- 18 been called in the paper as NewCo, is that -- is that
- 19 correct, sir?
- MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 21 question, it's misleading.
- Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You can answer, sir.
- 23 A. That's my understanding.
- 24 Q. And -- and who do you understand is going to
- 25 become the management at NewCo that's currently retained



- 1 you as a consultant with Fieldwood?
- 2 A. I believe there is a number of -- of
- 3 individuals that are on the executive team. I'm not
- 4 privy to what their -- what their organizational
- 5 structure will be like after they emerge from bankruptcy.
- 6 Q. Who do you work with kind of on a day-to-day
- 7 basis while you -- when it -- until it gets --
- 8 A. I guess -- I guess John Seeger would be the
- 9 gentleman that I coordinate my activities through as well
- 10 as two asset managers, David Dean and -- and Ken -- Ken
- 11 Bramlett.
- 12 Q. You said Ken Bramlett?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 15 And -- and so when you -- so -- so you got
- 16 interviewed in December of 2020, they indicated to you
- 17 that you were going to be designated as the sole manager
- 18 for Fieldwood I, and then you entered into a consultancy
- 19 agreement with Fieldwood, the Debtor, in January of 2021?
- 20 A. Actually, the way that it happened was is they
- 21 -- they made an offer as a consultant with Fieldwood
- 22 Energy, primarily to become familiar with the Fieldwood I
- 23 Legacy Apache Properties and also the -- the Fieldwood
- 24 Energy organization that would be the contract operator,
- 25 with the concept that when Fieldwood I emerged then --



- 1 then I would be up to speed on and been able to
- 2 understand, you know, the -- the properties and -- and
- 3 the inner workings of the op -- the contract operator.
- 4 So it was a consulting agreement and then
- 5 there was a letter agreement that once Fieldwood I was --
- 6 was established and emerged, then I would be the sole
- 7 manager for Fieldwood I.
- 8 Q. Okay. And on this letter agreement with regard
- 9 to your appointment as the sole manager of Fieldwood I,
- 10 can you describe the compensation provisions in that
- 11 agreement?
- 12 A. It's the same compensation that I'm receiving
- currently as the \$27,000.00 per month.
- 14 Q. And currently you are being paid by the folks
- 15 who are going to subsequently provide the transition
- 16 services to Fieldwood I, correct?
- 17 A. The entity I am being paid by is Fieldwood
- 18 Energy, and I believe there will be a new company once --
- 19 once it emerges from -- from bankruptcy.
- 20 Q. But you are familiarizing yourself with the
- 21 folks who are going to become NewCo and provide the
- 22 transition services who are currently with Fieldwood,
- 23 correct?
- A. That is correct.
- 25 Q. And besides Mr. Seeger, Mr. Dean and Mr.



- 1 Bramlett, anybody else who you are familiarizing yourself
- 2 with?
- 3 A. Well, I have had discussions with most of the
- 4 functional managers at Fieldwood concerning, you know,
- 5 what their -- what their role will be in the -- in -- in
- 6 the Fieldwood I, people like the HSE manager, the -- you
- 7 know, the planning folks, the marketing folks, the
- 8 operations managers, the field operations managers and --
- 9 and such as that.
- 10 Q. You want to be able to hit the ground running
- 11 when you get there?
- 12 A. It's always good to be prepared.
- 13 Q. So do you understand that there is a farm out
- 14 portion of the term sheet?
- 15 A. There is -- there is --
- 16 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 17 question, vague.
- 18 Go ahead, Jon.
- 19 A. I'm aware of the joint development agreement
- 20 between Fieldwood and -- and Apache.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) And -- and that joint
- 22 development agreement, that was already in place before
- 23 you got retained, correct?
- A. That's my understanding.
- 25 Q. All right. Have you done any analysis of



- 1 whether that joint development agreement is a good idea
- 2 or not?
- 3 A. I think it's a good -- good -- good concept and
- 4 it gives an opportunity for Fieldwood I to develop its
- 5 resources without putting a lot of capital in or any
- 6 capital in.
- 7 Q. Have you done any analysis -- independent
- 8 analysis of the terms and the economics of the joint
- 9 development agreement to determine whether it's a good
- 10 idea or not?
- 11 A. I have not done a comprehensive examination of
- 12 it, no.
- 13 Q. And would that include not having done any
- 14 financial analysis of the arrangements?
- 15 A. Well, I am aware of -- of the provisions of the
- 16 joint development agreement, and it's a -- it's -- it's a
- 17 good opportunity for Fieldwood I to develop its resources
- 18 without a significant or any capital investment.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether or not the opportunity
- 20 that's presented under the joint development agreement
- 21 was offered or negotiated with any other party other than
- the company to be newly formed, NewCo?
- 23 A. I -- I -- I think that I am not aware of any
- 24 projects that have been formally presented as a joint
- 25 development agreement, and I was not involved with



- 1 whether this -- this agreement was -- was marketed to
- 2 outside third parties.
- 3 Q. And are you familiar with something called the
- 4 transition agreement?
- 5 A. I am familiar with a trans -- transition
- 6 service agreement, yes.
- 7 Q. What's your understanding of the transition
- 8 services agreement?
- 9 A. That once Fieldwood I emerges from bankruptcy,
- 10 they will engage Fieldwood Energy NewCo to become the
- 11 contract operator for the -- for the Legacy Apache
- 12 Properties.
- 13 Q. And -- and do you understand what char -- the
- 14 charge is going to be under that transition services
- 15 agreement between NewCo and Fieldwood I?
- 16 A. I have not seen an exact number. My
- 17 understanding is it will be approximately 75 percent of
- 18 the current general administrative expenses for NewCo.
- 19 Q. Have you done any analysis of whether that Gen
- 20 A is an appropriate amount for a company the size of
- 21 Fieldwood I to be incurring?
- 22 A. That analysis will be done when we -- Fieldwood
- 23 I solicits bids from a minimum of three parties to -- to
- 24 do the contract operations.
- 25 Q. And how long will the transition services be in



- 1 place?
- 2 A. Will be as -- as long as necessary and to
- 3 provide an orderly transition for Fieldwood I. There is
- 4 no set time, to my understanding.
- 5 Q. Can -- can you terminate the transition
- 6 services agreement -- is it your understanding that the
- 7 transition services agreement can be terminated once you
- 8 step in as the sole manager of Fieldwood I?
- 9 A. My understanding is the sole manager has the --
- 10 the right to -- to terminate the agreement, yes.
- 11 Q. Do you have an understanding of what the
- 12 current decommissioning obligations are for Fieldwood I?
- 13 A. Yes. I am familiar with some of the
- 14 decommissioning estimates that have been made by -- by
- 15 the decommissioning organization here at Fieldwood
- 16 Energy.
- 17 Q. And based upon your understanding, can you tell
- 18 us how much from a dollar standpoint is currently due and
- 19 owing from the standpoint of decommissioning for
- 20 Fieldwood I --
- MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 22 question. It -- it -- it calls for a legal conclusion as
- 23 to how much is due and owing.
- MR. EISENBERG: As a businessman, I don't
- 25 want a legal conclusion.



Page 33 I still don't understand what MR. PEREZ: 1 2 due and owing means in the context of -- of 3 decommissioning. 4 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Well, if you can answer, 5 I'll -- otherwise, I will rephrase. 6 MR. PEREZ: I mean, I think it -- I mean, I don't understand what due and owing is under -- in the context of a decommissioning or -- that -- that seems to 8 9 me to be a legal conclusion. 10 (BY MR. EISENBERG) Sitting here today, Mr. Q. Graham, on the day that the plan goes effective, assuming 11 12 Fieldwood I gets formed, do you know what the magnitude 13 of the obligations for P&A are that would be current for 14 Fieldwood I? 15 MR. PEREZ: Same objection. I don't know 16 what current means, but if you can answer that, answer 17 it. 18 Α. There -- there are some estimates of asset 19 retirement obligations for Fieldwood I, and they vary 20 depending on who has done the estimate, but they are 21 anywhere from 800 million to 1.2 billion dollars. 22 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) And that's the total for the decommissioning, correct? 23



That's my understanding, yes.

One hundred percent, right?

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- 1 Q. And you understand you don't do all of that all
- 2 at one time, right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. Right. The --
- 5 A. You --
- 6 Q. -- that there are regulations --
- 7 A. -- you are -- you are bound by regulations of
- 8 when -- when fields need to be decommissioned based on
- 9 their last production or if the lease is expired as
- 10 prescribed by -- by best the info.
- 11 O. Okay. And so how much of that 800 to 1.2
- 12 billion dollars would have to be performed under the
- 13 regulations on day one?
- 14 A. I have not done that analysis.
- 15 O. Do you know what the estimated current
- 16 production for Fieldwood I would be, assuming it went
- 17 effective June 15th?
- 18 A. I know what the current production is is today
- 19 -- or was yesterday.
- Q. And what is that, sir?
- 21 A. It was approximately 18,300 barrels of oil
- 22 equivalent a day.
- Q. And have you done any analysis to determine
- 24 whether the -- the Fieldwood I, based on its current
- 25 production and its current decommissioning obligations,



- 1 is capable of meeting its ongoing obligations?
- 2 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 3 question, calls for a legal conclusion. I -- I'm not --
- 4 and it's vague as well.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You can answer, sir.
- 6 MR. PEREZ: Still --
- 7 A. I don't understand the question you are asking.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Okay. So on day one you
- 9 are going to step in as the sole manager of Fieldwood I,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. That's the plan.
- 12 Q. And Fieldwood I on day one, it's going to have
- 13 current obligations and current cash flow, right?
- 14 A. When -- when Fieldwood emerges there will be no
- 15 accounts payable, because that will be wiped to zero and
- 16 that will become NewCo's responsibility, and there will
- 17 be ongoing production, yes, that generates revenue.
- 18 Q. And have you done any analysis on whether the
- 19 going-forward revenues from Fieldwood I is sufficient to
- 20 cash flow the company, i.e., meet its ongoing
- 21 obligations, including its decommissioning obligations?
- 22 A. I am aware of some forecasts that have been
- 23 made that -- that shows that it's capable, yes.
- Q. Have you done any independent analysis of those
- 25 forecasts?



- 1 A. No, I have not.
- 2 Q. So sitting here today, other than relying on
- 3 forecasts that you've seen, do you have any independent
- 4 knowledge of whether or not Fieldwood I is capable of
- 5 meeting its obligations as they come due, based on its
- 6 current cash flows?
- 7 A. I -- I -- I guess I don't understand
- 8 specifically what you are asking. Could you -- could you
- 9 clarify that a little bit?
- 10 Q. Sure. You make money from production and you
- 11 pay your bills as they are required to be paid, right,
- 12 and you perform your obligations.
- Have you done any independent analysis of
- 14 Fieldwood I as a functioning company as to whether it
- 15 would cash flow on a going forward basis once it's
- 16 formed?
- 17 A. I have been made privy to estimates made by --
- 18 by Fieldwood Energy that -- that they shows it being
- 19 positive, and -- and I have no -- no problem with their
- 20 methodology.
- 21 Q. And which -- which estimates do you
- 22 recall that they showed you?
- 23 A. I believe it is referred to as Exhibit O in the
- 24 -- in the filing documents.
- 25 Q. So other than Exhibit O, do you have any other



- 1 bases for whether or not Fieldwood I on day one can cash
- 2 flow?
- 3 A. Data has been avail -- made available to me
- 4 under lease operating statements that -- that are -- that
- 5 Fieldwood Energy has prepared that shows yes, there is --
- 6 there is positive cash flow. I believe the last lease
- 7 operating statement I saw was -- was dated in February or
- 8 March.
- 9 Q. Are they doing decommissioning obligations as
- 10 part of that lease operating statement analysis that
- 11 you're talking about?
- 12 A. Not as a part of the lease operating statement
- 13 but yes, there is an ongoing decommissioning program to
- 14 satisfy regulations.
- Q. And do you know how much, approximately, that
- 16 is?
- 17 A. My understanding is that there have been
- 18 expenditures of approximately 35 million dollars from
- 19 August 2020 until I believe sometime in the first of May.
- 20 Q. And if Fieldwood I was required to do all of
- 21 its currently due plugging and abandonment obligations on
- 22 July 1st, would there be sufficient funds to actually do
- 23 that?
- 24 A. The -- what Fieldwood I would utilize as -- as
- 25 much of its current cash flow to satisfy those



- 1 obligations, then it would rely upon the -- the resources
- 2 available in the decommissioning security agreement
- 3 signed between Apache and Fieldwood in 2013.
- Q. Well, that security doesn't belong to Fieldwood
- 5 I, does it?
- A. That's correct, it belongs to Apache. Or put
- 7 it this way, Apache is the only one that can draw from
- 8 the Trust A, I believe, and the other decommissioning
- 9 securities.
- 10 Q. So without Apache's consent, Fieldwood I would
- 11 not be able to meet its obligations, correct?
- MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 13 question. I think it calls for a legal conclusion as to
- 14 -- you know, it assumes facts not in evidence.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Yeah, you -- you can
- 16 answer, sir. I'm not asking a legal question.
- 17 A. Fieldwood I --
- 18 MR. PEREZ: I think you are, but --
- 19 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Go ahead.
- MR. PEREZ: No, go ahead.
- Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You go, sir.
- 22 A. No. Fieldwood I will have to utilize the
- 23 decommissioning strategy agreement to fulfill its
- 24 obligations over its life.
- 25 Q. And what source of capital would Fieldwood I



- 1 have once it becomes effective and you are the sole
- 2 manager?
- 3 A. The -- the -- the capital available is to be
- 4 spent on decommissioning. With the consent of Apache, it
- 5 could be spent on production enhancement projects.
- 6 Q. But if Apache didn't consent, then you couldn't
- 7 develop any of the -- any -- any projects to increase or
- 8 find new reserves, correct?
- 9 A. According to the Apach or the Fieldwood LLC
- 10 agreement, any expenditures made outside of day-to-day
- 11 operations and decommissioning has to have the consent of
- 12 Apache.
- 13 Q. And do they have to have a reason to say no, or
- 14 can they just say no?
- MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 16 question, I think the document speaks for itself.
- 17 MR. EISENBERG: I am just asking for his
- 18 understanding, Alfredo.
- 19 A. They have the right to consent.
- 20 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) And so if they don't
- 21 consent, then there is not sufficient capital to develop
- 22 behind pipe reserves, for instance?
- 23 A. For -- for Fieldwood I to undertake
- 24 recompletions to production enhancement, it has to have
- 25 the consent of Apache, according to the agreement, my



- 1 understanding of the agreement.
- 2 Q. Have you been doing any analysis of the
- 3 opportunities or the properties that have been shut in
- 4 that may still be brought back online during your four
- 5 months while you have been consulting, or five months?
- A. I've been apprised by the asset managers of
- 7 what the opportunities are to spend repair and
- 8 maintenance monies to bring fields back on production, as
- 9 well as recompletion and production enhancement work.
- 10 Q. You're aware that recently there was an
- 11 unfortunate event, when one of the wells was trying to
- 12 get put back on, sir?
- 13 A. I'm sorry, I don't.
- 14 Q. There was a contractor, there was a casualty,
- 15 are you aware of that, sir?
- 16 A. Yes. I was made aware of it.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Right after it happened.
- 19 Q. And these are ver -- that's a very serious
- 20 thing, obviously, and I only asked you the question to --
- 21 to -- to -- as a predicate to has this slowed down the
- 22 bringing back of some of the properties that have been
- 23 shut in, or has that continued to proceed?
- 24 A. My -- my understanding is that the repair and
- 25 maintenance program still is being -- being pursued.



- 1 Q. Do you have an understanding of once all of the
- 2 wells that are scheduled to be brought back online that
- 3 are currently shut in, what production is estimated to be
- 4 on a daily basis?
- 5 A. Well, I'm aware that there's approximately 11
- 6 fields that they are currently working on that will be
- 7 brought on production in the next 30 to 45 days that has
- 8 the potential to add an additional 6000 barrels of oil
- 9 equivalent per day of production.
- 10 Q. Thank -- thank you, that's ...
- Do you happen to know the names of those
- 12 fields? Whereas, if you don't, that's fine too. I'm
- 13 just --
- 14 A. Well, it's -- it's in the daily production
- 15 report. I can't call those from memory right now, but I
- 16 could refer to the document and tell you those deals.
- 17 Q. Okay. So we would look to the daily production
- 18 report to determine what those are?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. And what would I look for in the daily
- 21 production report to find that out?
- 22 A. In the comments section it -- well, in the
- 23 production report it shows you what the current
- 24 production by field is, and also what is offline, and
- 25 then in the comment it usually talks about work that's



- 1 being done and when the estimated time to return the
- 2 fields to production is -- is estimated.
- 3 Q. Does your, not your consulting agreement but
- 4 the letter agreement that you signed to be the sole
- 5 manager, does it contain any bonus provisions in it?
- 6 If so --
- 7 A. There -- there is a bonus provision. If I --
- 8 if I maintain the position I think through December or
- 9 January of 2024, there is -- there is bonus
- 10 consideration, yes.
- 11 Q. And is that a cash bonus provision?
- 12 A. It is a cash bonus, yes.
- 13 Q. And is there any other criteria to receive the
- incentive other than to be there in December of 2024?
- 15 A. Well, there -- there is another provision that
- 16 if excess cash flow as defined in the standby loan --
- 17 loan agreement reaches 400 million dollars, then there is
- 18 some additional compensation.
- 19 Q. What is excess cash flow in the terms of the
- 20 standby loan agreement, can you describe --
- 21 A. I --
- 22 Q. -- for the record?
- 23 A. I would have to refer to the agreement. It --
- 24 it's quite a involved definition.
- Q. Can you dumb it down for an old lawyer like me?



Page 43 I -- I -- I'll let the document speak for Α. 1 2 itself. 3 Ο. Okay. I appreciate that, and for not agreeing 4 with me right away. I also appreciate that courtesy. 5 So based on the -- your understanding of 6 the term sheet, what other consent rights does Apache 7 have over Fieldwood I?

8 A. I can't recall every one. There's

9 approximately 211 items that have to be consented. I

10 would have to refer to the document to -- to be able to

11 quote those.

12 Q. That's fair.

13 Can you be removed without Apache's

14 consent?

15 A. Can I be what?

16 Q. Removed without Apache's consent?

17 A. No. I cannot be re -- the sole manager cannot

18 be removed without Apache's consent.

19 Q. All right. Now under the term sheet Fieldwood

20 I pay -- has some obligation to pay Apache for services

21 that it provides in connection with the term sheet, is

22 that correct, sir?

23 A. I vaguely remember --

MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the

25 question, vague.



Page 44 MR. EISENBERG: Well, he --1 2 MR. PEREZ: Okay. Go ahead. 3 MR. EISENBERG: -- vaguely remembers, so 4 there you go. 5 Ο. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You -- you can answer, sir. 6 My understanding is there is provision in the term sheet, I don't recall it exactly, that reimburses 8 Apache for -- for costs associated with -- with -- with 9 Fieldwood I. 10 And is there a limitation on the cost that they 11 can incur? 12 I believe there is a number in the document, I 13 -- I don't remember exactly what that is. 14 Okay. And do you know whether Apache has hired 15 any former Fieldwood employees recently, do you know 16 that, sir? 17 Α. No. I am not aware of that. No. 18 Did you interview any Fieldwood employees in 19 connection with them going to work for Apache to work on 20 this decommissioning arrangement? 21 Α. No, I have not. I have not interviewed any 22 Fieldwood employees concerning going to work for Apache. 23 So sitting here today, you are not aware of 24 anybody who's leaving Fieldwood and going to Apache that 25 for the purposes of providing services in connection with



- 1 this decommissioning arrangement of the term sheet?
- 2 A. No, not to my knowledge.
- 3 Q. How many people are left at Fieldwood now?
- 4 You're in their offices today and you've
- 5 been there for four months, has it shrunk?
- 6 A. I'm sorry?
- 7 Q. A number of people working for Fieldwood?
- 8 A. Most of the people are working remotely. I do
- 9 not have the number of people that are currently employed
- 10 by Fieldwood. I -- I see a number every day, but it's
- 11 been -- and I believe there's more people working
- 12 remotely than there are on location because of Covid
- 13 restrictions and concerns.
- 14 Q. And we all have those, and we all want us to
- 15 stay safe and healthy.
- 16 From the standpoint of making a
- 17 determination of what the capital needs are of Fieldwood
- 18 I, what capability will you have as the sole manager to
- 19 do that?
- 20 A. Well, I will have the -- I'll -- I'll have an
- 21 -- an operating company that will provide information and
- 22 data and analysis that will help determine that.
- Q. So is that something, when you say an operating
- 24 company do you mean the company providing you transition
- 25 services or a separate independent operating company?



- 1 A. No. It will be the contract operator which is
- 2 described in the transition service agreement.
- 3 Q. So the NewCo is going to decide whether and
- 4 what capital needs are available for Fieldwood I?
- 5 A. No. They will provide the resources to help me
- 6 assess that situation. It's not Fieldwood's -- it's not
- 7 Fieldwood's choice, it is the Fieldwood I's choice.
- 8 Q. Well, and then you need Apache's consent once
- 9 Fieldwood I decides, right?
- 10 A. If it involves anything besides daily
- 11 operations and -- and decommissioning obligations.
- 12 Q. And do you know whom you are going to be
- dealing with on a, you know, a regular basis with Apache
- in connection with your serving as the sole manager yet?
- 15 A. I have not been provided the -- who would be
- 16 the point person. There has been several people that --
- 17 that have the potential to be there, but they -- they
- 18 haven't designated, to my knowledge, who the -- who the
- 19 point person will be.
- 20 Q. So you talked to Mr. Lannie in October to
- 21 follow up, you went into Fieldwood's offices in December,
- 22 you signed the consulting agreement, you signed the
- 23 letter agreement, when was the next time you spoke with
- 24 folks from Apache?
- 25 A. Well, there was a -- there -- it was an ongoing



- 1 month or a weekly discussion between Anthony Lannie, Clay
- 2 Bretches and John Seeger. And after I was on board with
- 3 Fieldwood Energy, John Seeger invited me to participate
- 4 in that -- in those discussions.
- 5 Q. Okay. So those meetings had been ongoing when
- 6 you got there, right?
- 7 A. That was my understanding.
- 8 Q. How -- how long had they been ongoing for, from
- 9 the beginning of the bankruptcy, or do you -- do you know
- 10 how long?
- 11 A. I -- I do not know.
- 12 Q. They -- they had been well-established, they
- 13 had been doing this for a while, right?
- 14 A. That was my understanding, yes.
- 15 Q. All right. And you say these are weekly
- 16 meetings?
- 17 A. They -- they were weekly calls that were --
- 18 that were organized, yes.
- 19 Q. Calls.
- And how long do the calls last?
- 21 A. Oh, anywhere from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.
- 22 Q. And tell me again the people?
- I've got Mr. Lannie, I got Mr. Seeger, I
- 24 missed this Kate, I think you said Kate?
- 25 A. No, it's Clay --



Page 48 Q. Clay. 1 2 Α. -- Bretches, yeah. 3 Spell the last name? Q. Α. B-r-e-t-c-h-e-s, I believe. 5 And who is Clay, Mr. Clay with? Q. 6 Clay is an executive vice president of -- of Α. Apache Corporation responsible for their operations. 8 And -- and -- and is there an agenda for these 9 meetings that's created? 10 Well, Mr. -- Mr. Lannie is an attorney, and I Α. 11 believe those discussions in those meetings is 12 privileged. 13 Okay. But let me just break this down and --14 and take it one point at a time. I didn't ask you what 15 the nature of the agenda was, I simply asked whether 16 there were agendas that were created for the meetings. 17 I don't recall any agendas. Α. And so you didn't get an email going okay, here 18 Q. 19 is the agenda for our weekly meeting? 20 That's correct. Α. 21 Q. All you got was a calendar notice, we're having 22 a call? 23 Α. (No verbal response.) 24 Q. Were there notes --25 Yeah. Α.



- 1 O. -- were there notes taken at these meetings?
- 2 A. I didn't take any notes, I don't know if they
- 3 did or not.
- 4 Q. Were there minutes of the meeting circulated
- 5 afterward?
- A. No, not to my knowledge.
- 7 Q. Do you recall any emails documenting or
- 8 memorializing what was talked about at the meetings?
- 9 A. I don't recall any, no.
- 10 Q. Do you have a folder where you put all of that
- 11 stuff in on your computer?
- 12 A. Concerning those weekly meetings, no.
- 13 Q. Yeah, okay.
- 14 And -- and what were the subjects of the
- 15 calls, generally?
- 16 A. I think with Mr. Lannie involved, I think the
- 17 -- the subject is -- is privileged.
- 18 Q. Well, I understand that and I am not asking for
- 19 privileged information, I am asking generally for the
- 20 subject.
- 21 A. Once again, I think Mr. Lannie is an attorney
- 22 and -- and those discussions were privileged.
- Q. Well, was he giving you personal -- was he
- 24 giving you legal advice as a consultant for Fieldwood?
- 25 A. Once again, I think those -- those discussions



- 1 involving Mr. Lannie are -- are privileged.
- 2 Q. Did you seek legal advice from him as an Apache
- 3 lawyer in your capacity as a consultant to Fieldwood, the
- 4 Debtor here?
- 5 A. I was provided documents concerning Fieldwood.
- 6 It wasn't Apache, it was the term sheet, the letter
- 7 agreements and such, and any discussion was involved with
- 8 Brett Cupit and Anthony Lannie, which are attorneys, and
- 9 I believe that are privileged discussions.
- 10 Q. Well, I'm trying to understand what advises you
- 11 were given or what work product the lawyers provided you,
- 12 generally, as opposed to you just had phone calls with
- 13 them, and --
- 14 MR. PEREZ: Yeah. Let me -- let me just
- 15 step in.
- Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You can --
- MR. PEREZ: To the extent, Mr. Graham,
- 18 that you are -- you are talking about, you know,
- 19 telephone conversations, I don't have a problem with you
- 20 talking about the subject of the -- of the telephone
- 21 conversations.
- So, you know, there -- there is -- there
- 23 may be a common interest with respect to these items here
- 24 that -- that would be -- that we would need to protect,
- 25 but, to the extent that there are general topics, I don't



Page 51 have a problem with you talking about those. 1 2 THE WITNESS: Okay. 3 (BY MR. EISENBERG) Well, was one of the topics Ο. 4 that you guys talked about how things would work on a 5 going forward basis once Fieldwood I was up and running? 6 The weekly discussions were -- were really centered around status update of where the bankrupt --8 the -- was -- what -- what the status of the bankruptcy 9 was, and -- and -- and what, you know, what -- what was projected going forward, as far as when Fieldwood I would 10 emerge from bankruptcy. It was really just a status 11 12 update discussion. 13 Well, was one of the things that you talked 14 about how things would work in Fieldwood I on a going 15 forward basis once it was up and running? No, it --16 Α. 17 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the 18 question, asked and answered. 19 (BY MR. EISENBERG) I asked it again and you 20 can answer it again, sir. 21 Do you need the court reporter to read it 22 back? 23 Α. What -- what is the question? 24 MR. EISENBERG: Can you read it back, 25 Ms. Newhouse?



Page 52 COURT REPORTER: Sure. 1 2 (Requested portion read back.) 3 MR. PEREZ: Okay. Same -- same objection. Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You can answer, sir. 5 I don't understand the question. 6 Was one of the subjects of your weekly calls 0. how things would work once Fieldwood I was up and running between Apache and Fieldwood I? 8 9 Α. My recollection of the conversations was it was more of a status update of -- of -- of where the 10 11 bankruptcy stood at that point in time. 12 And I appreciate that sir, but was one of the 13 things that was talked about, even if it wasn't the main 14 focus, how Fieldwood I would work once it was up and 15 running? 16 Well Fieldwood I --Α. 17 MR. PEREZ: Objection, asked and answered 18 three times. 19 Now Fieldwood I will work like the letter 20 agreement and term sheet spells out. 21 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Right. But was one of the 22 things you talked about in your calls with the lawyers 23 from Apache how the words on the page, on the term sheet, 24 would work in reality as Fieldwood I moved forward? 25 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the



- 1 question, asked and answered.
- 2 A. (No verbal response.)
- 3 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You can answer, sir.
- 4 A. The discussions were around the status of the
- 5 bankruptcy.
- 6 Q. Sitting here today, sir, are you aware of any
- 7 particular projects that Fieldwood I would move forward
- 8 with, other than the 11 fields that you were talking
- 9 about on the daily reports?
- 10 A. I have been made aware of opportunities that
- 11 exist that potentially Fieldwood NewCo will -- will
- 12 propose under the field development agree -- or the joint
- 13 development agreement. The -- but none of the details
- 14 have been -- have been provided in detail, or the details
- 15 have not been provided.
- 16 Q. And -- and -- and do you have an estimation of
- 17 the number of these projects?
- 18 A. I don't have an exact number, no. They're in
- 19 the neighborhood of 15 to 20.
- 20 Q. Are they on a piece of paper somewhere that was
- 21 circulated identifying these particular projects that are
- 22 in evaluation and in the works?
- 23 A. I have reviewed several projects from the asset
- 24 managers that have -- in -- in PowerPoint presentations
- 25 that have shown some of the opportunities, but -- but not



- 1 -- they have not been proposed or -- because they can't
- 2 be proposed until Fieldwood I is in existence.
- 3 Q. So -- so you have seen about 15 or 20
- 4 PowerPoints, or the PowerPoints that you've seen total
- 5 about 15 or 20 projects?
- 6 A. The opportunities are 15 to 20, I don't re --
- 7 recall how many PowerPoints, because multiple
- 8 opportunities were presented in -- in one PowerPoint.
- 9 Q. Right. But in one PowerPoint or another, all
- 10 15 to 20 of these opportunities were in some fashion
- 11 considered and presented, correct?
- 12 A. Well, they -- they weren't considered, they
- 13 were just made -- I was made aware of their potential.
- Q. Okay. And did you keep copies of these
- 15 PowerPoints?
- 16 A. I believe -- I believe the asset managers have
- 17 copies and I've got some copies, yes.
- 18 Q. Now when NewCo recommends a project under the
- 19 joint development agreement, and that project actually
- 20 gets funded, does NewCo pick up the decommissioning
- 21 obligations for the facilities that are going to be
- 22 utilized to -- to obtain the production from that
- 23 project?
- 24 A. I believe --
- MR. PEREZ: I am going to object to the



Page 55 form of the question, it -- it calls for a hypothetical. 1 2 MR. EISENBERG: It's his understanding of 3 the agreements and the arrangements. 4 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) You can answer, sir. 5 MR. PEREZ: Does he --6 The -- the joint -- the -- the joint development agreement spells out how -- how -- how it will work. 8 9 (BY MR. EISENBERG) Right. And -- and --Ο. 10 A. How these projects will work. 11 And -- and is your understanding that NewCo Q. 12 picks up the decommissioning on the facilities, or that 13 NewCo does not pick up the decommissioning on the 14 facilities? 15 I would have to refer to the joint development agreement to be 100 percent sure. 16 17 And what is your current understanding without Q. 18 reference to the agreement? 19 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the 20 question, asked and answered. He -- he -- he already 21 answered --22 MR. EISENBERG: He -- he can answer --23 (Overlapping speakers.) 24 MR. PEREZ: -- refer to the agreement. 25 MR. EISENBERG: -- said he needed to be



- 1 100 percent sure, and I want to know what he -- he -- he
- 2 thinks it says right now without reference to the
- 3 agreement.
- 4 A. The -- the agreement says what it says in the
- 5 agreement.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) I understand that, sir.
- 7 What is your current understanding of
- 8 whether or not NewCo picks up decommissioning on the
- 9 facilities that are used in production from projects that
- 10 are successful?
- 11 A. My understanding is that -- that
- 12 decommissioning liability will -- will be maintained
- 13 Fieldwood Energy -- Fieldwood I.
- 14 Q. And -- and that NewCo will not pick up any
- 15 decommissioning obligations, correct?
- 16 A. Well, I think there's some provisions for --
- 17 for newly-drilled wells that -- that I would have to
- 18 refer to the agreement, but I think there is something in
- 19 there concerning -- concerning newly-drilled wells.
- 20 Q. Okay. Thank you very much. That's all I was
- 21 asking for, your current understanding.
- MR. EISENBERG: We have been going for an
- 23 hour and 10 minutes now, I need a little bit of a break.
- 24 Take a five-, seven-minute break and come back?
- 25 MR. PEREZ: Okay. Yeah. Then we should



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     come back at 10:20?
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                    MR. EISENBERG: Ten twenty is perfect,
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     thank you so much, Alfredo.
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                    MR. PEREZ: Okay. How --
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                    MR. EISENBERG: And thank you Mr. --
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                    MR. PEREZ: -- long do you think you are
     going to go, Phil? How -- how much more --
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                    MR. EISENBERG:
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     think I am going to go more than another hour, to be
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     honest with you.
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                    MR. PEREZ:
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                                    I -- I usually don't tell
                    MR. EISENBERG:
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     people that, because then they make me miss my plane, but
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     since we haven't been traveling and you guys are so nice
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     and such good-looking people on -- on the thing, I am
     just -- it's just -- I -- I just have to share.
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                    MR. PEREZ:
                                Okay.
                    MR. EISENBERG:
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                                    Thank you, sir.
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                    MR. PEREZ: All right. Thank you.
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     right. So we'll be -- okay.
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                    COURT REPORTER: Off the record at 10:06
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                    COURT REPORTER: The time is 10:20 a.m.,
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     we are back on the record.
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- 1 O. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Mr. Graham, we're back on
- 2 the record. I am Philip Eisenberg with Locke Lord on
- 3 behalf of HCCI International. We are still here in your
- 4 deposition, it's about 10:20 a.m.
- I meant to ask you this earlier, have you
- 6 ever given a deposition before, sir?
- 7 A. This is my first pleasure giving one.
- 8 Q. Well, I appreciate that.
- 9 Have you ever testified at trial before?
- 10 A. No, I have not.
- 11 Q. In front of any regulatory authorities?
- 12 A. In front of regulatory authorities, yes.
- 13 Q. And can you sort of generally describe that,
- 14 and then we can drill down a little bit?
- 15 A. I remember participating in Oklahoma
- 16 Corporation Commission hearings on increased (audio cuts
- 17 out).
- 18 Q. I do, too. I don't want to know anything more
- 19 about the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Thank you
- 20 very much, I appreciate sharing that. So you can spin
- 21 that up.
- 22 Have you evaluated whether or not it makes
- 23 sense to sell some or all of the Fieldwood I assets once
- 24 it's formed?
- 25 A. No. I have not evaluated that. I'm -- I'm



- 1 going by what the -- what the LLC agreement states.
- 2 Q. Do you, as the sole manager, have the ability
- 3 to consider whether or not to market the assets if that
- 4 makes sense financially?
- 5 A. If -- if -- if Fieldwood I gets an unsolicited
- offer for a property or properties, then I am obligated
- 7 to -- to market that particular property or proposal to
- 8 the -- to the market to determine if -- if it's a good
- 9 offer or not.
- 10 O. So what does -- so what does -- what does that
- 11 mean, you are obligated to market it if you get an
- 12 unsolicited proposal?
- 13 I'm not -- I am not sure I understand
- 14 that, can you help me? I --
- 15 A. Okay. If I get -- if I get a proposal to drill
- 16 a well on a Fieldwood I property, then I have to open it
- 17 up to a minimum of three other companies and -- and
- 18 market that opportunity.
- 19 Q. Like a farm out?
- 20 A. It would be a farm out, yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. But what about selling a portion of the
- 22 assets now that the price has gone up, would you have the
- 23 power as the sole manager to independently initiate a
- 24 sales process?
- 25 A. My understanding of the agreement, no, I would



- 1 not have that -- have that ability.
- 2 Q. So that's not something that you would have the
- 3 ability to do and then have to get consent for, you
- 4 simply don't have the power to do that, right?
- 5 A. That's my understanding.
- 6 Q. Who would have the power to do that?
- 7 A. I'm not -- I'm not sure.
- 8 Q. Do you think anybody has the power to do that?
- 9 MR. PEREZ: Object to the question, asked
- 10 and answered.
- 11 MR. EISENBERG: I'm just probing a little
- 12 bit more, Alfredo. Just give me a little latitude here.
- MR. PEREZ: He answered the question.
- MR. EISENBERG: I'm with you.
- 15 A. I -- I -- that to reiterate my answer, I
- 16 am not sure who has that ability.
- Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) As -- as -- you -- but you
- 18 know the sole manager does not, right?
- 19 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- Q. Okay. There's going to be an independent
- 21 director, correct?
- 22 A. That's my understanding.
- 23 Q. Did you -- are you aware of who is being
- 24 considered for that, or has someone been selected as we
- 25 are getting pretty close to the confirmation hearing?



- 1 A. No. I am not aware of -- of what's going on in
- 2 that arena.
- 3 Q. No one has consulted with you about potential
- 4 candidates?
- 5 How do you feel --
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. -- about working with Mr. X or Mrs. Y, or
- 8 anything like that?
- 9 A. I can -- I can usually work with most anybody,
- 10 as long as they're professional.
- 11 Q. I appreciate that, and but that wasn't
- 12 necessarily my question.
- My question was, are you aware of anybody
- 14 that's being considered, and has anybody kind of raised
- 15 names with you and independent of your ability to work
- 16 with others?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Is it your understanding that the independent
- 19 director would have the power to recommend a sales
- 20 process for some or all of the -- of the assets of
- 21 Fieldwood I?
- 22 A. Right. I -- I am not sure what his abilities
- 23 are.
- Q. Do you think it would be a good idea to have
- 25 the power to evaluate whether a sale is better than



Page 62 running a company? 1 2 Isn't that something that, as an 3 executive, you would want the ability to kind of always consider? 5 Α. My --6 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the question. Object to the form of the question, compound 8 and calls for speculation, and it's vague. 9 MR. EISENBERG: Other -- other than that, 10 how did you like the fight? He can answer. 11 You know, my focus is on -- on what the LLC Α. 12 agreement is, and -- and my focus will be on safely, 13 environmentally-responsible and economically 14 decommissioning non-producing properties, and then safely 15 and economically-responsible and economic responsibility to optimize cash flow from the producing properties, that 16 17 -- that's my focus. 18 (BY MR. EISENBERG) I've got you. Q. And -- and 19 over the years as an asset manager, have you from time to time evaluated whether it made sense to sell an asset 20 21 base, or a particular group of properties or a business 22 unit when you worked at Apache? That -- that's -- that is a -- is -- is a 23 Α. 24 function of the -- of the executive suite and the board 25 of directors.



- 1 Q. So -- so other than you, though, Fieldwood I is
- 2 not going to have any other executives, they are going to
- 3 have one independent director, correct?
- 4 A. That's my understanding, yes, and I'll -- I
- 5 will be the only employee of the company.
- Q. And yet even though that is a function of the
- 7 executive suite, that is not within your powers, correct?
- 8 A. My understanding is that I'm focused on
- 9 decommissioning the non-producing properties and
- 10 optimizing cash flow from the producing properties.
- 11 Q. Are you aware of any efforts to sell or
- 12 monetize the Fieldwood I assets that were undertaken in
- 13 the last, let's say 12 months?
- 14 A. No. I have not been privy to any of that
- 15 information.
- 16 Q. Okay. And if someone came to you with an
- 17 unsolicited offer to buy, not to farm out some of the
- 18 assets, would you have a duty to evaluate that
- 19 unsolicited offer to acquire certain assets from
- 20 Fieldwood I?
- 21 A. Yes. I believe it is spelled out in the -- in
- 22 the LLC agreement, that if a third-party offer is
- 23 presented, then I would -- I'm obligated to market that
- 24 to at least three different individual independent
- 25 companies or individuals for consideration.



- 1 Q. Have you evaluated what the -- the effect would
- 2 be on Fieldwood I if it had a lack of capital to perform
- 3 projects on a going forward basis?
- A. I wouldn't say I have evaluated, no.
- 5 Q. Have you considered it?
- A. Well, it has to be considered, that's -- that's
- 7 my job is to -- is to optimize cash flow from the
- 8 producing properties, which would involve looking at
- 9 operating expenses, looking at resource potential and --
- 10 and -- and investment opportunities.
- 11 Q. So -- so have you done any of that over the
- 12 last four months?
- 13 A. I have -- I -- I have become familiar with
- 14 the properties via the reserve report and some of the
- 15 field reviews that -- that have outlined some of that
- 16 potential, yes.
- 17 Q. And do you have a view on whether or not there
- 18 are capital needs at Fieldwood I?
- 19 MR. PEREZ: I'm sorry, I -- I didn't
- 20 hear that. Object, I -- I didn't hear what the wording
- 21 was.
- MR. EISENBERG: Okay. That -- that's
- 23 fine. I am glad to repeat it. I -- I -- my short-term
- 24 memory --
- MR. PEREZ: Yeah. Acclimate?



Page 65 MR. EISENBERG: -- is not quite that bad. 1 2 No. 3 (BY MR. EISENBERG) Have you had an -- have you 0. 4 had the opportunity to evaluate what the capital needs 5 are for Fieldwood I? 6 Well, capital -- capital needs are -- are -are dominated by decommissioning obligations, and so we -- Fieldwood I's cash flow will primarily be used for 8 9 decommissioning activities, and then if there are any other opportunities that are pursued, they'll be 10 11 evaluated and -- and presented for approval by Apache to 12 -- to undertake those, because according to the 13 agreement, I -- I can only expend money on operating and 14 decommissioning. 15 Okay. So independent or divorced from the Q. 16 capital expenditures for decommissioning, have you had an 17 opportunity to evaluate the capital needs of Fieldwood I 18 to -- to move forward and recognize the value from the 19 existing properties? 20 I have re -- I have reviewed the reserve report 21 which outlines crude developed behind pipe, crude 22 developed non-producing and crude undeveloped 23 opportunities. 24 And does Fieldwood I currently have the capital to address those opportunities? 25



- 1 A. The priority for the capital is for
- 2 decommissioning and then to -- to optimize the cash flow
- 3 from existing producing properties, so yeah, I guess
- 4 comprehensively have not assessed each one of those
- 5 opportunities.
- Q. And my question was a little bit different,
- 7 Mr. Graham, so I will try it again, and if Mr. Perez
- 8 wants to object that's fine, too.
- 9 Have -- have you -- other than the
- 10 decommissioning, have you had the opportunity to
- 11 determine whether or not Fieldwood I has ample capital
- 12 available to recognize those reserves that you have
- 13 evaluated that you just talked about?
- 14 A. According to the joint development agreement,
- 15 Fieldwood NewCo has the opportunity for a period of two
- 16 years to present projects that would develop some of the
- 17 Fieldwood I resources, and that would be no capital
- 18 expenditure to Fieldwood I. So beyond that no, I have
- 19 not done the detailed analysis of what, because I don't
- 20 know which projects they are going to -- they are going
- 21 to recommend --
- 22 O. Well --
- 23 A. -- or they will likely propose.
- Q. Okay. Well, let's assume they don't propose
- 25 any, can -- can Fieldwood I, sitting here today on its



- 1 own, does it have the capital to do the projects that are
- 2 represented in that reserve report?
- 3 A. Fieldwood I does not have the capital to -- to
- 4 decommissioning all their obligations, let alone
- 5 recompletion projects.
- 6 Q. All right. So the answer is no, it does not
- 7 have the capital, correct?
- 8 A. There -- there are not ample supplies of it,
- 9 no.
- 10 Q. Have you had any conversations or meetings with
- any of the government agencies that regulate Fieldwood I,
- 12 including BOEM or BSEE?
- 13 A. No, I have not.
- 14 Q. Are you aware whether or not Fieldwood I has
- 15 prepared or will be required to prepare an idle iron
- 16 plan?
- 17 A. I -- I -- I'm not privy to that, no, I'm not.
- 18 Q. And you -- you know what an idle iron plan is,
- 19 right?
- 20 A. I do.
- 21 Q. And -- and an idle iron plan is a requirement
- 22 under the regulations, correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. All right. And have you seen an idle iron plan
- 25 for Fieldwood -- the properties that make up Fieldwood I?



- 1 A. I've seen a decommissioning plan which would --
- 2 which would include an idle iron.
- Q. And are you aware, sir, that there's over 200
- 4 million dollars in current decommissioning obligations
- 5 that will exist at Fieldwood I on the day that it goes
- 6 effective?
- 7 A. Yes. I believe that is forecasted in -- in one
- 8 of the spreadsheets that I -- I've seen.
- 9 Q. It -- it's in excess of 200 million, isn't it,
- 10 sir?
- 11 A. My understanding if I remember right, it's 220
- 12 million dollars.
- 13 Q. Thank you, sir.
- 14 Have you done any budgeting for Fieldwood
- 15 I on a going forward basis in the four months you've been
- 16 there?
- 17 A. Not any detailed budgeting, no.
- 18 Q. How about not detailed budgeting?
- 19 A. Well, I've -- I've looked at their forecast of
- 20 -- of production and cash flow.
- 21 Q. And -- and have you -- have you done any
- 22 independent analysis of those forecasts?
- 23 A. Those -- those forecasts are -- are generated
- 24 by Fieldwood employees, and I've reviewed their work,
- 25 yes.



- 1 Q. Now my understanding is that on the effective
- 2 date Fieldwood I is going to have 13 million in
- 3 unrestricted cash on emergence, is that right?
- A. I'm not sure of the exact number. I know it's
- 5 50 million dollars less what they have spent on
- 6 decommissioning from August 2020 to whenever Fieldwood I
- 7 emerges.
- 8 Q. And they spent 35 million, according to you,
- 9 right?
- 10 A. That -- that's an approximate number, I don't
- 11 have the exact number, but yes, that's in the ballpark.
- 12 Q. Yeah, 13 to 35, it's yeah, from fair price
- 13 comes to 15, 13, it's pretty close, right? Okay.
- So and you said that you were familiar
- 15 with Exhibit O, the financial projections, and -- and you
- 16 -- you -- you do know the finan that Exhibit O says the
- 17 Fieldwood I entities are forecasted to have approximately
- 18 13 million of unrestricted cash on hand on the effective
- 19 date, right? I mean --
- 20 A. I -- I believe --
- 21 Q. You wouldn't quibble with that, right?
- 22 A. I'm not going to quibble with it, I think
- 23 that's -- you know, that's -- it's in the -- it's in the
- 24 forecast.
- Q. Right. And that, that's pretty tight, huh?



- 1 You run a company as big as Fieldwood I with 13 million
- 2 dollars in cash?
- 3 A. Well, there would be --
- 4 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 5 question, vague.
- 6 A. Yeah. The -- the 15 million dollars is only
- 7 one part of it, there's also working capital that has to
- 8 be -- come into effect, plus cash flow from the -- from
- 9 the properties that's -- that's to be generated.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) How much is it spending a
- 11 month, do you know, Fieldwood I?
- 12 A. Without referring to Exhibit O, I -- I -- I
- don't recall the exact number, no.
- Q. It's more than 13,000 a month, right?
- 15 A. I -- I -- I don't recall the number.
- 16 Q. How many fields is it that are operating in
- 17 Fieldwood I right now?
- 18 A. Fieldwood I has approximately 150 fields.
- 19 Q. And you've seen the lease operating statements,
- 20 right?
- 21 A. I've reviewed them.
- Q. Okay. And the total on a monthly basis exceeds
- 23 13 million dollars, doesn't it, sir?
- 24 A. I -- I -- I don't -- I -- I don't recall
- 25 that number.



- 1 Q. It wouldn't surprise you if it exceeded 13
- 2 million dollars a month for 150 fields, would it?
- 3 A. You -- you mean the operating expenses?
- 4 Q. Yeah.
- 5 A. Once again, I'd have to refer to the -- to the
- 6 forecast and the lease operating statement to be able to
- 7 definitively give you a number.
- 8 Q. Yeah. But it wouldn't surprise you if it was
- 9 more than 13 million, would it?
- 10 A. I'm not surprised by very much anymore.
- 11 Q. That's a fair, fair statement. I -- I'll take
- 12 -- I'll take your point.
- Does -- is it prudent to have a company
- 14 that has less than one month's operating expenses on
- 15 hand?
- 16 A. I think that -- that Fieldwood I, with the
- 17 resources available and -- and with this cash flow is --
- 18 is a viable ongoing entity.
- 19 Q. That's not the question I asked you though,
- 20 sir.
- Is it prudent to have just, to have less
- than one month's cash on hand for your monthly expenses?
- 23 A. I guess it depends on your forecast and -- and
- 24 what your expectations going forward are.
- 25 Q. And what happens if there is just one month's



- 1 delay in production if you only -- if you have less than
- 2 one month's cash on hand?
- 3 A. Then -- then you have less cash.
- Q. You can't cash flow, right?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. And -- and you are aware --
- 7 A. Fieldwood I also has availability to a -- and I
- 8 can't remember the -- the name of it, but a line of
- 9 credit from -- from Apache Corporations if -- if
- 10 necessary of 400 --
- 11 Q. And -- and --
- 12 A. -- 400 million dollar line of credit.
- 13 Q. And you know, sir, that that -- that line of
- 14 credit is -- is -- and it's less than 400 million now
- 15 because it's been modified -- it -- it only kicks in
- 16 after all of the financial security that Apache has is
- 17 exhausted, and then only at Apache's sole discretion,
- 18 correct, sir?
- 19 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 20 question. Go ahead.
- 21 A. If that's what the agreement says, then that's
- 22 the situation. I'm not sure the details of the
- 23 agreement.
- Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) All right. So whatever the
- 25 agreement says, you -- you've got no reason to doubt



- 1 that, you just, you know -- you -- you -- you
- 2 pointed out that they had that, but you -- you don't know
- 3 for sure, right, whether or what the terms are on that
- 4 400 million, right?
- 5 A. I -- I -- I've read the -- the document, but I
- 6 couldn't quote you the terms now, no.
- 7 Q. Okay. And you are aware -- how many times
- 8 during last fall and winter did the Fieldwood I
- 9 properties get shut in?
- 10 A. I -- I wasn't associated with the Fieldwood I
- 11 properties from, you know, beyond January of 2021.
- 12 Q. Some of them are still shut in, right?
- 13 A. There -- there -- there are numerous fields
- 14 shut in right now, yes.
- Q. And you're aware that there were several named
- 16 storms in the Gulf of Mexico during last fall and winter?
- 17 A. Yes, I'm aware of that.
- 18 Q. And you are aware, being an experienced
- 19 operator in the Gulf of Mexico, that if there are even --
- 20 even if there's no damage from a storm, that properties
- 21 get shut in from time to time in the event that there
- 22 will be a storm in the Gulf that has the potential for,
- 23 you know, being close, right?
- A. Yes, I'm aware of that.
- 25 Q. Right. And have you -- do -- are you aware of



- 1 what the forecast is for named storms in the Gulf of
- 2 Mexico for 2021?
- 3 A. I -- I can't quote you what the forecast is.
- 4 Q. Do -- do you know whether it's four or five
- 5 named storms or more?
- 6 A. I -- I can't quote you a number.
- 7 Q. Okay. But last year we had at least four or
- 8 five, right?
- 9 A. That's my understanding.
- 10 Q. And they did result in shut-ins on these
- 11 properties, some of which lasted for months and months,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yeah. I think -- I think both named storms and
- 14 low product prices caused a lot of the -- the fields to
- 15 be shut in.
- 16 Q. And you -- you have done this for a long time,
- 17 sir, and it is likely, isn't it, that there will be
- 18 shut-in events in the Gulf of Mexico due to weather
- 19 conditions, correct?
- 20 A. Historically, that has been the case, yes, and
- 21 I would expect it to continue in the future.
- 22 O. And is that factored into the cash flow
- 23 projections that you have reviewed from the company?
- 24 A. I cannot answer that.
- Q. But we know they are starting out with 13



Page 75 million in cash, right? 1 2 Well, that's -- that's the remainder of -- of a 3 50 million dollars minus what the decommissioning 4 expenditures have been up until when Fieldwood I emerges. 5 So just going to do some math here, if you'd Q. 6 just give me a second, take me just a second to do the math. 8 So at -- at 18,000 barrels a day at \$60.00 9 a barrel, how much in total gross revenue is that? 10 Α. I would have to get my calculator out. Is that 10,800,000.00 a day for -- is that a 11 Q. 12 day? 13 Yeah, so -- no, it's -- or is that -- do 14 you have a calculator there? Let me -- let me do it and 15 I will try to -- six -- keep messing it up. 16 That's 108,000 a day times 30 days, so 17 that's three million dollars a month, is that right? 18 Or is it 30 million a month? 19 I think it would be more closer to 30 million. Α. 20 Thirty million a month in gross, so if they --21 if the production got shut in on this thirty million a 22 month, and you've only got thirteen in reserve, a 23 one-month shut in would be very deleterious on the 24 ability of Fieldwood I to move forward, correct? Object to the form of the 25 MR. PEREZ:



- 1 question, not a question. Go ahead, you can answer.
- 2 A. It's always a possibility, yes.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Well, it's likely, right?
- A. I wouldn't say it's likely, I said it's a
- 5 possibility, and it's highly unlikely you would be shut
- 6 in for a full 30 days for one named storm.
- 7 Q. And there is no source of capital guarantee,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. Fieldwood I has -- has properties that cash
- 10 flow, and that's -- that -- that's where they derive
- 11 their revenue, from -- from the producing properties.
- 12 Q. Well, do you, as the sole manager, have the
- ability to go borrow money from somebody else?
- 14 A. No, I do not; not without Apache's consent.
- 15 Q. All right. Are you aware that there is a list
- 16 of current INCs, what's known as an incident of
- 17 noncompliance, on some of the Fieldwood I properties?
- 18 A. My understanding is there, yes, there are some
- 19 outstanding INCs, and that is one thing the repair and
- 20 maintenance program is to address, is to prioritize and
- 21 -- and -- and address those incidents of noncompliance.
- 22 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether
- 23 Fieldwood I will be qualified as an operating company in
- 24 the Gulf of Mexico with BOEM and BSEE?
- 25 A. That's my understanding.



- 1 Q. Sitting here today, do you understand what an
- 2 area-wide bond is?
- 3 A. I -- I'm aware of the -- of the term -- of the
- 4 terminology.
- 5 O. Does Fieldwood I --
- 6 (Alarm chime.)
- 7 MR. EISENBERG: Thank you for the musical
- 8 interlude.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. EISENBERG) Do you understand whether
- 10 or not Fieldwood I has an area-wide bond or will have an
- 11 area-wide bond upon emergence?
- 12 A. I do not know the answer to that question.
- Okay. But you're the regulatory guy, right?
- And that's one of the requirements to
- 15 comply to operate with BOEM and BSEE?
- 16 A. My contract operator will have regulatory
- 17 experts that will be sure that we have the appropriate --
- 18 appropriate documents and such to be able to operate in
- 19 the Gulf of Mexico.
- 20 Q. But sitting here today you are not aware of how
- 21 Fieldwood I intends to comply with at least its bonding
- 22 regulations?
- 23 A. I -- I have not delved into that with the --
- 24 with -- with the Fieldwood folks. My understanding is,
- 25 though, we will be capable.



- 1 Q. All right. I -- I am -- I am on target here
- 2 with what I had promised. If you give me a -- three
- 3 minutes, I think I will be wrapped up. I just have to
- 4 check to see whether any of my colleagues have any
- 5 questions that they want me to ask. But otherwise, I
- 6 really have appreciated the opportunity to get to know
- 7 you, Mr. Graham. I apologize for not getting your CV in
- 8 advance.
- 9 MR. EISENBERG: And Alfredo, is that okay,
- 10 and then we can turn him over to somebody else?
- 11 MR. PEREZ: Sure. Actually, does it make
- 12 sense if somebody wants to go to -- to not lose the time
- 13 while you are --
- MR. EISENBERG: That -- that is perfect.
- 15 Who -- who wants to go next?
- 16 MR. ZUBER: I just have a handful of
- 17 questions, that's okay? I'll be quick.
- MR. PEREZ: Go ahead.
- 19 EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. ZUBER:
- Q. Mr. Graham, my name is Scott Zuber, I am with
- 22 the law firm of Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi in New
- 23 Jersey, I represent four sureties in this matter, those
- 24 are Aspen, Sirius, Berkeley and Everest, and I just have
- 25 a few follow-up questions.



- 1 Has Fieldwood Energy received any offers
- 2 to purchase any of the Fieldwood I Legacy Apache assets
- 3 over the past year?
- 4 A. I'm not aware of any.
- 5 Q. You are not aware of any offers having been
- 6 made?
- 7 A. No, I'm not aware. I'm not privy to that
- 8 information.
- 9 Q. Do you know whether Fieldwood Energy has made
- 10 any efforts to market or sell any of the Legacy Apache
- 11 Properties over the past 12 months?
- 12 A. I'm not privy to that information. I do not
- 13 know.
- Q. So your answer would be the same about any
- discussions about marketing or selling any of those
- 16 assets, you are not aware of any of those?
- 17 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. What happens after the effective date
- 19 upon the emergence if Fieldwood I were to receive an
- 20 offer to purchase any of the Fieldwood I Legacy Apache
- 21 assets?
- You may have answered this already, but
- 23 can Fieldwood I Energy sell any of those assets?
- 24 A. They have to be -- it -- it would be evaluated
- 25 and it would be marketed to at least three entities, and



- 1 then -- then with the consent of Apache, you know, I
- 2 guess it could be -- it could be done at that point in
- 3 time.
- Q. Okay. So can you give me a little bit more
- 5 color and detail about the process?
- 6 You get an unsolicited offer to purchase
- 7 some Fieldwood I Energy assets, walk me through the
- 8 process of determining whether Fieldwood I Energy would
- 9 sell or entertain that offer, how would that work?
- 10 A. Well, if -- if I get an unsolicited offer it
- 11 has to be marketed, that's what the agreement says. So
- 12 then they would therefore have to be put in the open
- 13 market and -- and solicit bids under the same terms.
- Q. But ultimately, Apache's consent is required
- 15 for any actual sales?
- 16 A. That's my understanding.
- 17 MR. ZUBER: Okay. I don't have any other
- 18 questions. There is one clarification for the record.
- 19 It is really Mr. Eisenberg's issue, but I think at one
- 20 point he was talking about numbers and he said 13,000
- 21 instead of 13,000,000. Mr. Eisenberg, do you know what
- 22 I'm talking about?
- 23 MR. EISENBERG: The cash on hand?
- 24 MR. ZUBER: Yeah. You had -- I just want
- 25 to make sure the record is clear. You had said, not too



- 1 far back, you were talking about -- about Fieldwood I
- 2 Energy's upon emergence the monthly expenses and I think
- 3 you said 13,000 per month at some point, but the
- 4 discussion centered around 13,000,000 per month.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. ZUBER) I just want to make sure the
- 6 record is clear, Mr. Graham, your -- your response would
- 7 be related to expenses of 13,000,000 per month, not
- 8 13,000 per month, correct?
- 9 A. It would be more along the lines of millions
- 10 than thousands. I don't -- I -- I don't have that exact
- 11 number at -- at the tip of my fingers, no.
- 12 Q. Right.
- MR. ZUBER: I just want to make sure that
- 14 when Mr. Eisenberg I think misspoke when he said 13,000
- per month, he meant to say 13,000,000 per month. I will
- 16 leave -- leave it to Mr. Eisenberg to clarify that any
- 17 further if I misunderstood it.
- 18 MR. EISENBERG: I have misspoken before.
- 19 FURTHER EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. EISENBERG:
- 21 Q. There -- there is a difference between
- 22 13,000,000 and 13,000, isn't there, Mr. Graham?
- 23 A. Yes, there is. There's a few --
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. -- decimal points.



Page 82 Just a few decimal points, right. Q. 1 2 And so when we were -- when we were 3 talking about monthly expenses for 150 fields, we were 4 talking in the millions not the tens of thousands, 5 correct? 6 (No verbal response.) Α. MR. PEREZ: Is there a question? 8 MR. EISENBERG: That was the question, 9 yeah. 10 MR. PEREZ: Oh, okay. 11 (BY MR. EISENBERG) We're talking about Q. 12 expenses in the millions, not in the tens of thousands, 13 correct? 14 Α. That would be -- that would be my expectations, 15 yes. 16 Thank -- thank you very much. Q. 17 MR. EISENBERG: I don't have any further 18 questions, but I know that the --19 MR. ZUBER: I have nothing further either, 20 thank you, Mr. Graham. 21 MR. EISENBERG: There are others who 22 might, so ... 23 MR. MILLER: Unless anyone else has --24 wants to jump the queue, I can take next. No? Okay. 25 MR. PEREZ: Okay. Go.



Page 83 1 MR. MILLER: Thank you. 2 EXAMINATION 3 BY MR. MILLER: 4 Q. Good morning, Mr. Graham, my name is Robert 5 Miller with the firm Manier & Herod. I represent 6 Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company, one of the sureties in these cases. Just briefly, are you aware in the latest 8 9 iteration of the Apache implementation documents there is a working capital line of credit for Fieldwood I that is 10 denoted and is potentially available, that's a new 11 edition? I believe it was added on --12 13 I -- I believe --14 -- later on --Q. 15 -- I -- I -- I believe I have seen that, yes. I have seen that doc -- it has been provided to me, yes. 16 17 Q. Thank you. 18 Were you involved in the decision to add 19 that provision? 20 Α. No, I was not. 21 Q. Have you had any discussions with potential 22 lenders to provide financing under that provision? 23 Α. No, I have not. 24 MR. MILLER: All right. That's all I 25 have.



Page 84 MR. EISENBERG: Jared, I think you are up. 1 2 You may be the last person. 3 Okay. Can everybody hear me? MR. WEIR: MR. EISENBERG: Yeah. 5 EXAMINATION 6 BY MR. WEIR: Well good morning, Mr. Graham. I -- I quess we both spent a little bit of time at the Price College of 8 9 Business, but I -- I just took a couple of accounting 10 courses, and I was normally over in the Letters Department, which I guess is sort of like shapes and 11 12 colors. Numbers weren't really my -- my strong suit, but 13 anyway. I have just a few questions for you. 14 You mentioned that Fieldwood I, a big 15 significant part of that is decommissioning the non-16 producing properties, do you have a background in 17 decommissioning? I -- I have been associated with 18 19 decommissioning, but I -- I'm not a subject matter expert 20 for decommissioning. 21 Q. What do you mean by associated with 22 decommissioning? 23 I -- I have been involved with operations that 24 have had decommissioning operations ongoing, both in the 25 Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea.



- 1 Q. Okay. And you mentioned there's a decom plan
- 2 that you've seen?
- 3 A. There -- there's been one that Brandon DeWolfe
- 4 has -- has put together for -- for Fieldwood, yes.
- 5 Q. And do you remember off the top of your head
- 6 how many years that plan contemplates to conduct the
- 7 decommissioning?
- 8 A. Well, I think -- I think the period of time was
- 9 five years that -- but that didn't include all the
- 10 decommissioning.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you have any idea about how much of
- 12 the decommissioning that is in that five years?
- 13 A. In the neighborhood of \$500,000,000.00, I
- 14 believe.
- 15 Q. And do you have any sense for what is left
- 16 beyond that?
- 17 A. Well, it would be, like I said, I've seen
- 18 estimates of asset retirement obligations anywhere from
- 19 800 million to 1.2 billion.
- 20 Q. And do you know where those -- those estimates
- 21 are from?
- 22 A. Well, I think Fieldwood has made some, there's
- 23 -- and then I believe Parkman Whaling has made an
- 24 estimate, also.
- 25 Q. Okay. And do you happen to know if BSEE or



- 1 BOEM have estimates on those an --
- 2 A. I -- I -- I believe they do, but I -- I could
- 3 not tell you what they are.
- Q. And, you know, normally you don't get that many
- 5 years to do decommissioning on -- on things that are
- 6 already offline, have there been any discussions with
- 7 BSEE or BOEM about that longer timeline of five-plus
- 8 years?
- 9 A. I have not had any discussions with them.
- 10 Q. But do you know if -- if anyone has, whether
- 11 their notionally with them at all?
- 12 A. I -- I believe there's ongoing discussions with
- 13 -- with BSEE about what the -- what Fieldwood is -- is
- 14 doing for decommissioning, but I -- I am not privy to the
- 15 exact conversations.
- 16 Q. Okay. Who is going to do the decom work?
- 17 A. For Fieldwood I it will be the contract
- 18 operator, so with the transition services agreement that
- 19 will be Fieldwood Energy, which is Brandon DeWolfe and
- 20 his -- his organization.
- 21 Q. Is that NewCo?
- 22 A. I believe so, yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Now you have been at -- or were, before
- 24 you retired you were at Apache for some 25 years, and in
- 25 2011 or so did you become the HS -- HSSE guy, or?



- 1 A. Yes. I was -- I was Vice President of Health
- 2 Safety Security Environment for --
- 3 Q. Can you --
- A. -- for Apache Corporation.
- 5 Q. Can you kind of describe what that involved?
- 6 A. Well, that was the oversight for all of
- 7 Apache's operations around the world, to make sure they
- 8 were operating safely and environmentally responsible.
- 9 Q. And did that include Gulf of Mexico?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Are you familiar with just standard health and
- 12 safety protocols out in the Gulf?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And I think you mentioned that on these
- 15 Apache Legacy Properties there are some unaddressed INCs?
- 16 A. My understanding are there are some active
- 17 incident of noncompliance, but -- but I don't have access
- 18 to the -- the exact number. That's an ongoing work that
- 19 Fieldwood Energy is -- is providing.
- Q. And would you say that those are in the process
- 21 of being addressed?
- 22 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- Q. Based on your background, do you think that
- 24 that's important that those things are addressed?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.



- 1 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 2 question, calls for speculation and it's vaque, frankly.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. WEIR) So are you aware that Fieldwood
- 4 is, or the Debtors are planning to abandon a lot of
- 5 properties out in the Gulf of Mexico?
- 6 A. I'm not sure what you mean by Debtors.
- 7 Q. That Fieldwood is going to abandon some
- 8 properties in the Gulf of Mexico as part of its plan, are
- 9 you aware of that?
- 10 A. Yes. Fieldwood I has a decommissioning plan.
- 11 Q. No. But I -- I'm asking about something a
- 12 little different.
- 13 Are you familiar or are you aware that
- 14 some properties are going to be abandoned under the
- 15 bankruptcy plan that are not going in the Fieldwood I?
- 16 A. No, I'm not. I am not familiar with those.
- Q. Okay. Do you -- if there are unresolved INCs
- 18 on -- if -- if the plan is confirmed and Fieldwood I is
- 19 created and going forward, if there are unresolved INCs
- 20 will that be a priority, for you to resolve those?
- 21 A. Yes. It's always our priority to operate
- 22 safely and environmentally responsible.
- Q. And do you think that having or resolving INCs
- 24 reduces environmental risks?
- MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the



- 1 question. It calls for speculation, because some INCs
- 2 are just compliance things that have nothing to do with
- 3 environmental issues, so I think it's both misleading and
- 4 -- and it's vague.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. WEIR) Would you agree that INCs
- 6 typically -- or that -- that INCs address health, safety,
- 7 security and environmental issues?
- 8 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 9 question, same, vague.
- Jon, you can answer, but --
- 11 A. Yeah. But my understanding of INCs, it's that
- 12 there are incidents of noncompliance based on BSEE and
- 13 BOEM regulations.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. WEIR) Okay. So we just entered
- 15 hurricane season, and would you say in entering hurricane
- 16 season if there is one of these Fieldwood I assets that's
- 17 not currently producing, would it be a best practice to
- 18 have all safety systems in service and operational?
- 19 MR. PEREZ: Object to the form of the
- 20 question, calls for speculation and it's vague.
- Q. (BY MR. WEIR) You can answer.
- A. Hypothetically speaking, yes, it's always good
- 23 to be safe and environmentally responsible.
- 24 Q. Again hypothetically speaking, do you think it
- 25 would be important for all fire detection and protection



- 1 equipment be in compliance with BSEE safety plans on
- 2 those non-producing properties?
- 3 MR. PEREZ: I'm going to object to the
- 4 question. You are asking him as if he were an expert and
- 5 he is here as a fact witness with respect to Fieldwood I,
- 6 and -- and you are asking these hypothetical questions,
- 7 so I -- I'm again, same objection but, you know,
- 8 hopefully that will be the last question you ask on this
- 9 issue, because he's not an -- he's not being tendered as
- 10 an expert.
- 11 MR. WEIR: Well, he is going to be the
- 12 sole manager of a entity, and there's what, you know, 150
- 13 fields, he said, and there are a lot of non-producing
- 14 properties sitting out there, and I'm just curious, and
- 15 based -- and presumably he has this position based on his
- 16 background, among other things, in his extensive health
- 17 and safety background.
- 18 And why can't he -- I mean, I think he can
- 19 answer some just basic things, if he thinks this was
- 20 important, if that's part of -- as a sole manager is that
- 21 going to be a priority for him?
- MR. PEREZ: Again, you have heard my
- 23 objection. I think you -- you are asking for expert
- 24 testimony. He's -- he's a -- he's a fact witness with
- 25 respect to -- I'm not quite exactly sure what he's a fact



- 1 witness with respect to, but if you want to restate the
- 2 question, you know, and if he can answer hypothetically,
- 3 I mean, he certainly can.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. WEIR) So as the sole manager of
- 5 Fieldwood I, will it be a priority to have all fire
- 6 detection and protection equipment be in compliance with
- 7 the BSEE safety plans on these non-producing properties?
- 8 A. Fieldwood I will have safe -- a safety and
- 9 environmental management system program that is -- is
- 10 active today and -- and will be a part of Fieldwood I,
- 11 which I think addresses all those issues.
- 12 Q. Okay. You will probably just give me the same
- 13 answer, but do you know if you -- if Fieldwood I will
- 14 have storm chokes set on -- on all of these non-producing
- 15 properties?
- 16 MR. PEREZ: Same objection. You are
- 17 asking for -- for speculation.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. WEIR) You can answer.
- 19 A. I mean, I'm not aware of the details.
- 20 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with BSEE's
- 21 decommissioning estimates with regard to Fieldwood I or
- 22 more generally?
- 23 A. I -- I've -- I'm not intimately familiar, no.
- Q. Do you agree that they accurately reflect the
- anticipated costs of decommissioning?



- 1 A. I believe the best number for decommissioning
- 2 is what Fieldwood has done internally with Brandon
- 3 DeWolfe and his -- his organization. That's the one I
- 4 have the most confidence in.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you not have confidence in the BSEE
- 6 estimates?
- 7 A. I -- I'm not that familiar with the estimates
- 8 to -- to render an opinion.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- MR. WEIR: No further questions.
- 11 MR. PEREZ: Okay. All right. All right.
- 12 So I guess if -- we'll reserve our guestions to the time
- 13 of trial. And thank you, and thanks everybody for
- 14 getting this done in -- in the two-hour time frame, I
- 15 appreciate that. So we will -- unless there is anything
- 16 else, I -- I don't have anything further.
- 17 MR. WEIR: I guess all I would say is just
- 18 no -- I should have said no further questions at this
- 19 time. I -- we reserve whatever as well, too. Thank you.
- 20 MR. EISENBERG: Thank you very much,
- 21 Mr. Graham, we appreciate your time.
- MR. WEIR: Thank you.
- MR. EISENBERG: And we certainly
- 24 appreciate your focusing on this, it's going to be an
- 25 important thing for a lot of folks, so ...



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